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*Acquisition of lands for the Nayadi Colony, Palghat taluk.*

* 57 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there was any proposal to acquire lands for the Nayadi Colony at Pokkanamkunnu in Mankurussi, Palghat taluk, Malabar ; and

(*b*) if so, when the proposal originated and the stage at which it stands now?

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) & (*b*) An attempt was made in 1950, to acquire certain lands for starting a colony for Nayadis of Pokkanamkunnu, but was subsequently dropped as the Nayadis did not like to shift to the sites selected."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Sir, in view of the fact that inclusive of 1951, this State has given 49,501 house-sites to Harijans by acquisition and 53,203 house-sites by assignment, and none of them is in Malabar, may I request the Government to interest themselves a little more in the welfare of Malabar Harijans? " 9–10 a.m.

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" Under the orders in the Government Order of 1951, each Nayadi family in Malabar may be given 15 cents. As it is, 7 families are in occupation of one acre of land. The Collector of Malabar suggested that the implementation of the Government Order might be postponed till the record of rights under the Malabar Tenancy Act, and the list of Harijans who have no legal rights to the land under occupation and who have no house-sites, is prepared. It is further reported that the proposal to start a Nayadi colony at Pokkanamkunnu is not an urgent one and can wait till the Government Order is implemented since they are not under threats of eviction nor is there congestion on the spot."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" What exactly does this Nayadi community mean, Sir? Are they worse than the Adi-Dravidas living in other parts of the Madras State? Are they not only untouchable but unapproachable, and even while taking alms, they should not come anywhere near the alms giver? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" The hon. Member is referring to a very old state of affairs."

MR. SPEAKER :—" The supplementary question has nothing to do with the main question."

*Reservation of seats for ladies in Government buses.*

* 58 *Q.*—SRI G. SIVASANKARA REDDI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state whether the last seat in every Government bus plying in the City of Madras has been reserved for ladies; and if so, the reasons therefor?

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THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Yes Sir. This was done as a result of the recommendation of the City Transport Advisory Committee with a view to minimise the inconvenience caused to lady passengers by having to stand in the buses. Men, however, are not prohibited from occupying vacant seats, if any, in the last row reserved for ladies but they are required to give them up when any lady passengers get in and ask for them."

SRI G. SIVASANKARA REDDI :—" Sir, is not this reservation quite unnecessary as women are claiming complete equality with men? " (Laughter.)

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" If the hon. Member so desires it, I have no objection to say that it is for the protection of men." (More laughter.)

SRI T. LAKSHMINARAYANA REDDI :—" స్త్రీలకొరకు ప్రత్యేకంగా బస్సులు నడుపుటకు ఆలోచిస్తున్నారా ? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" No, Sir. There is no separate bus set apart for ladies."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" In view of the answer given by the Hon. Minister, will he please consider the running of a separate bus for women? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" It is often true that women are accompanied by men. It is impossible to separate them—sending women in one bus and men in another bus." (Loud laughter.)

SRI C. SUBBARAYUDU :—" As ladies constitute 50 per cent of the population, will the Government be pleased to consider the reservation of half of the seats in the bus to ladies? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" At the present moment, the demand does not seem to be for more than six seats. If women are travelling in such large numbers, the useful suggestion of the hon. Member will be considered."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Questions are over."

SRI K. RAJAGOPALA RAO :—" On a point of order, అధ్యక్షా, కృష్ణా ఆనకట్ట రిపోర్టు గురించి చర్చించుటకు ఒక రోజును కేటా యిస్తామని గత ఎసెంబ్లీ సమావేశ సమయంలో ప్రభుత్వంవారు వాగ్దానం చేశారు. అలా ప్రత్యేకించ బడుతుందేమోనని యీ వారం రోజులనుంచి ఎదురుచూచాం. కాని ప్రభుత్వం ఈ విషయాన్ని విస్మరించినట్లున్నది. మరచిపోవడమేగాక అసలు దాటేయాలని చూస్తున్నట్లుకూడా అనుమానం వేస్తున్నది. ఆ రిపోర్టునుగురించి, ఇప్పుడు జరుగుతున్న మరమ్మతులను గురించి, ప్రభుత్వం కావాలని నిర్లక్ష్యం చేయడంవల్ల కృష్ణా డెల్టాకు కలుగనున్న అపాయనష్టాన్ని గురించి యీ నాటికే చర్చించవలసిన అవసరం కనబడుతున్నది. ఇప్పుడు చేస్తున్న మరమ్మతులుకూడా నామమాత్రంగానే వున్నవిగాని, ఆనకట్టను గట్టిపర్చేవిగా లేవు. ఆ కారణంగా కృష్ణా డెల్టాలోని లక్షలాది ప్రజలు ఆందోళన చెందుతున్నారు. కాబట్టి కృష్ణయ్యర్ రిపోర్టుపై చర్చించడానికి ప్రభుత్వం ఒక రోజు ప్రత్యేకిస్తుందా ? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member is making a speech. He is not raising a point of order. I think he wants time to discuss the Krishna Anicut Enquiry Report."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The repair has almost been completed. I do not know whether any discussion will be necessary. Anyhow the point will be considered, and if the hon. the Leader of the Opposition thinks that by discussion we will improve matters, I shall consider the matter in consultation with him."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" The discussion of the report is quite a different matter from the repairs that are to be carried out, because the report has got certain good lessons to teach us. That is why we would like to have a discussion on the report. In the last session itself it was stated that a day would be allotted for this discussion."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The matter was given up then."

SRI T. LAKSHMINARAYANA REDDI :—" అధ్యక్షా, ఈ సభ ఎంత వరకు జరుగుతుందో తెలియజేస్తారా?"

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member wants to know the programme of business for this meeting."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I expect the meetings will last till the 1st week of April."

[*Note*.—**An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.**]

## II.—GOVERNMENT MOTION.

### APPOINTMENT OF ONE MEMBER TO THE RULES COMMITTEE.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—' Sir, I beg to move—

' *That Sri M. Narayana Kurup, M.L.A., be appointed a member of the Committee, constituted on the 30th July 1952, for making suggestions for the amendment of the Madras Assembly Rules, in the vacancy caused by the resignation of Sri T. Viswanatham of his membership of the Madras Legislative Assembly.*' "

MR. SPEAKER :—" The question is—

' That Sri M. Narayana Kurup, M.L.A., be appointed a member of the Committee, constituted on the 30th July 1952, for making suggestions for the amendment of the Madras Assembly Rules, in the vacancy caused by the resignation of Sri T. Viswanatham of his membership of the Madras Legislative Assembly.' "

The motion was carried.